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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Government Savings Banks Accounts.

READ—

Para 20 of Government Order No. Fl. 1078-1138—G. F. 46-29-1, dated the 12—14th August 1929, reserving for separate consideration the proposal of furnishing each individual depositor in the Government Savings Banks with a statement of his account at the end of each year to afford protection against possible frauds.

2. Letter No. 128—S. B., dated the 10—11th October 1929, from the Comptroller to Government, furnishing his views in the matter.

3. Further correspondence on the subject ending with Un-official Note No. 300, dated the 13th January 1930, from the Comptroller to Government offering his further remarks on the subject.

ORDER NO. FL. 5531-42—G. F. 94-29, DATED 18—19TH FEBRUARY 1930.

The question of devising measures to provide safeguards against possible frauds in Government Savings Banks accounts was raised by the Public Accounts Committee who dealt with the accounts of 1927-28.

2. Having considered the matter, Government are pleased to lay down the following instructions for guidance as a tentative measure for one year :—

I. The Officer in charge of every Treasury where Savings Banks accounts are kept should soon after the accounts of each year are closed, issue acknowledgment slips to about two per cent of the depositors with a request that the slips should be returned within a specified date acknowledging the correctness of the balances in their Savings Banks accounts as mentioned in the slips.

II. The selection of cases for issue of acknowledgment slips should be made by the Treasury Officer after such scrutiny as he may consider necessary and should cover the accounts relating to—

(1) Women,
(2) Minors,
(3) Corporations and Institutions other than those managed by Government Officers,
(4) Persons who operate on their accounts through agents,
(5) Illiterate persons and others incapable of looking after their own property, and
(6) Depositors in whose accounts withdrawals at long intervals appear.

III. In the annual accounts submitted by treasuries to the Audit Office, mention should be made of the accounts in respect of which acknowledgment slips have been issued as per Clause II.

IV. In District treasuries officials handling Savings Bank work should not be entrusted with it for long periods and suitable changes should be effected periodically.

2. The Comptroller is requested to report the result of the working of the arrangement sanctioned in this order after one year.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Special Sub-Registry Office.

READ—

Government Order No. J. 1484-5—Regis. 24-17-3, dated the 30th October 1917, sanctioning the opening of a Special Sub-Registry Office at Harihar.

2. Letter No. C. R. 27, dated the 4th February 1930, from the* Inspector-General of Registration in Mysore recommending, for reasons stated, the abolition of the Special Sub-Registry Office at Harihar and the conversion of the *ex-officio* office at Holalkere into a special office.

(*Printed as annexure.)

ORDER NO. FL. 5580-3—REGIS. 26-29-2, DATED 19—20TH FEBRUARY 1930.

The proposals of the Inspector-General of Registration are sanctioned.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Letter No. C. R. 27—28-29, dated the 4th February 1930, from the Inspector-General of Registration in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Finance Department, Bangalore.

I have the honour to state that the Special Sub-Registry Office at Harihar registers on an average only 900 documents with an income of Rs. 2,000 which works out at not more than 3 documents a day. Thus there is not sufficient work for a whole-time Sub-Registrar. This special office was opened in 1918 because the Deputy Amildar of the Sub-Taluk who had multifarious duties could not conveniently attend to the registration work. When the question of abolishing the lightly worked Sub-Registry Offices was taken up in 1924, the abolition of this Office was not considered for the above reason.

2. The District Registrar now reports that the Sub-Taluk consists of only two hoblis, that besides Railway communication between Harihar and Davangere, a number of buses are running between Harihar and Malebennur and Davangere so that the people of both the Hoblis can easily go to Davangere to get their documents registered and therefore recommends that the Registration jurisdiction of the Harihar Sub-Taluk may be added on to Davangere Sub-Registry Office. He also recommends that the special office at the former place may be transferred to Holalkere which is a pukka Taluk, where the registration work being heavy, cannot be satisfactorily attended to by the Taluk Sheristedar.